

## PROBIOTICS AND HERBS IN CARP (*CYPRINUS CARPIO* L.) POND AQUACULTURE – IMPACT ON FISH GROWTH, HEALTH AND PRODUCTION EFFICIENCY

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## PROBIOTICI I LEKOVITO BILJE U UZGOJU ŠARANA (*CYPRINUS CARPIO* L.) U ZEMLJANIM BAZENIMA - UTICAJ NA PRIRAST RIBE, ZDRAVLJE I PROIZVODNE REZULTATE

### Apstrakt

Cilj ovog rada je da prikaže rezultate ishrane šarana tradicionalnom smešom žitarica (tritikale + pšenica) sa dodatkom probiotika i/ili lekovitog bilja.

Kao probiotik korišćen je koncentrat EmFarma, koji je obezbedio „ProBiotics Polska” iz Poljske. Ova smesa sadrži skup sledećih mikroorganizama, bakterija i gljivica: *Bifidobacterium animalis*, *Bifidobacterium bifidum*, *Bifidobacterium longum*, *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*, *Lactobacillus casei*, *Lactobacillus delbrueckii*, *Lactobacillus plantarum*, *Lactococcus diacetyllactis*, *Lactococcus lactis*, *Streptococcus thermophilus*, *Bacillus subtilis* var *natto*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Rhodopseudomonas palustris*. Koncentrat probiotskih mikroorganizama dodat je u mleveni kukuruz u količini od 2 litra preparata na 1 tonu hraniva. Pre dodavanja hranivima probiotski preparat je razređen u vodi. Količina dodate vode bila je oko 10% od težine hrane. Posle mešanja probiotika sa kukuruzom, hranivo je ostavljeno dva sata da nabubri.

Lekovito bilje sastojalo se od praha *Terminalia chebula*, *Phyllanthus emblica*, *Andrographis paniculata*, *Tinospora cordifolia* i *Boerhaavia diffusa*. Biljni preparat dobijen je od kompanije Farmwet iz Poljske. Mešavina bilja dodata je u količini od 3 kg na tonu kukuru-  
zne prekrupе. Bilje u prahu pomešano je sa prekrupom, zatim navlaženo vodom u količini od oko 10% od doze hrane i ostavljeno dva sata da nabubri.

Ispitivanje je vršeno na šest hranidbenih grupa:

- I - samo prirodna hrana (kontrolna grupa)
- II - smeša sa kukuruznom prekrupom
- III - smeša sa kukuruznom prekrupom obogaćena probioticima
- IV - smeša sa kukuruznom prekrupom obogaćena lekovitim biljem
- V - smeša sa kukuruznom prekrupom obogaćena probioticima i lekovitim biljem
- VI - peletirana hrana Aller Aqua (referentna grupa)

Eksperimentalne smeše korišćene su za ishranu šaranske mlađi (C1), dvogodišnjaka za dalji uzgoj (C2) i konzumnih šarana (C3). Gustine nasada šarana bile su sledeće:

- za C1– 20000 jedinki/ha
- za C2– 5000 jedinki/ha
- za C3–1500 jedinki/ha

Sledeći parametri su mereni i analizirani:

- završna telesna masa (g/jedinka)
- prinos (kg/ha)
- stopa preživljavanja (S)
- stopa konverzije hrane, FCR (kg)
- Fultonov koeficijent (F)
- broj parazita (*Trichodina*–*Trich.*, *Chilodonella*–*Chil.*, *Epistylis*–*Epist.*, *Costia.*)
- nivo lizozima (mg/l)
- nivo gama globulina (g/l)

**Ključne reči:** šaran, tradicionalan uzgoj u bazenima, održivost, probiotici, bilje

**Tabela 1.** Rezultati ishrane šaranske mlađi (C1) smešom žitarica sa dodatkom probiotika i/ili lekovitog bilja

| Grupa | Težina<br>g/jed. | S<br>(%) | FCR<br>(kg) | F    | Prinos<br>kg/ha | <i>Trich.</i> | <i>Chil.</i> | <i>Epist.</i> | <i>Costia</i> | Lisozyme          | Gama<br>globu-<br>lini |
|-------|------------------|----------|-------------|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| I     | 29               | 42       | 0           | 1,68 | 241             | 18            | 28           | 22            | 17            | 2,3 <sup>b</sup>  | 9,6 <sup>b</sup>       |
| II    | 66               | 45       | 2,6         | 1,71 | 594             | 17            | 22           | 19            | 33            | 2,6 <sup>ab</sup> | 6,9 <sup>a</sup>       |
| III   | 66               | 64       | 2,4         | 2,18 | 845             | 16            | 11           | 9             | 12            | 1,8 <sup>a</sup>  | 7,1 <sup>ab</sup>      |
| IV    | 66               | 50       | 2,3         | 1,93 | 660             | 5             | 5            | 6             | 10            | 2,4 <sup>ab</sup> | 10,0 <sup>b</sup>      |
| V     | 64               | 63       | 2,7         | 1,82 | 806             | 8             | 11           | 11            | 11            | 3,2 <sup>b</sup>  | 8,7 <sup>ab</sup>      |
| VI    | 75               | 83       | 0,7         | 2,01 | 1245            | 0             | 1            | 0             | 0             | 3,1 <sup>b</sup>  | 10,4 <sup>b</sup>      |

U okviru kolona, podaci obeleženi različitim slovima značajno se razlikuju ( $P < 0,05$ ), a obeleženi istim slovima nalaze se u istoj homogenoj grupi.

**Tabela 2.** Rezultati ishrane dvogodišnjih šarana za dalji uzgoj (C2) smešom žitarica sa dodatkom probiotika i/ili lekovitog bilja

| Grupa | Težina g/jed. | S (%) | FCR (kg) | F    | Prinos kg/ha | <i>Trich.</i> | <i>Chil.</i> | <i>Epist.</i> | <i>Costia</i> | Lisozyme           | Gama globulini    |
|-------|---------------|-------|----------|------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| I     | 86            | 45    | 0        | 1,18 | 196          | 35            | 31           | 42            | 21            | 0,82 <sup>a</sup>  | 6,6 <sup>a</sup>  |
| II    | 209           | 92    | 2,2      | 1,56 | 967          | 23            | 39           | 22            | 32            | 0,96 <sup>a</sup>  | 10,6 <sup>b</sup> |
| III   | 216           | 82    | 1,8      | 1,51 | 891          | 12            | 12           | 6             | 11            | -                  | -                 |
| IV    | 214           | 98    | 1,7      | 1,52 | 1043         | 12            | 4            | 8             | 0             | 0,78 <sup>a</sup>  | 16,6 <sup>c</sup> |
| V     | 315           | 85    | 1,2      | 1,70 | 1350         | 3             | 4            | 2             | 3             | 1,29 <sup>b</sup>  | 15,3 <sup>c</sup> |
| VI    | 346           | 98    | 0,9      | 2,02 | 1695         | 5             | 0            | 0             | 2             | 1,03 <sup>ab</sup> | 15,5 <sup>c</sup> |

U okviru kolona, podaci obeleženi različitim slovima značajno se razlikuju ( $P < 0,05$ ), a obeleženi istim slovima nalaze se u istoj homogenoj grupi.

**Tabela 3.** Rezultati ishrane konzumnih šarana (C3) smešom žitarica sa dodatkom probiotika i/ili lekovitog bilja

| Grupa | Težina g/jed. | S (%) | FCR (kg) | F    | Prinos kg/ha | <i>Trich.</i> | <i>Chil.</i> | <i>Epist.</i> | <i>Costia</i> | Lisozyme          | Gama globulini    |
|-------|---------------|-------|----------|------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| I     | 658           | 67    | 0        | 1,32 | 661          | 12            | 18           | 22            | 11            | 1,6 <sup>a</sup>  | 11,8 <sup>c</sup> |
| II    | 1367          | 100   | 4,0      | 1,93 | 2051         | 13            | 14           | 22            | 32            | 2,3 <sup>b</sup>  | 5,5 <sup>a</sup>  |
| III   | 1386          | 100   | 3,5      | 1,92 | 2079         | 10            | 15           | 6             | 21            | 2,0 <sup>ab</sup> | 8,2 <sup>b</sup>  |
| IV    | 1325          | 100   | 3,8      | 1,97 | 1988         | 0             | 3            | 2             | 2             | 1,7 <sup>ab</sup> | 9,4 <sup>b</sup>  |
| V     | 1391          | 100   | 3,6      | 2,02 | 2087         | 1             | 3            | 4             | 3             | 1,9 <sup>ab</sup> | 9,3 <sup>b</sup>  |
| VI    | 1749          | 100   | 2,0      | 2,10 | 2624         | 2             | 0            | 1             | 0             | 1,8 <sup>ab</sup> | 9,9 <sup>b</sup>  |

U okviru kolona, podaci obeleženi različitim slovima značajno se razlikuju ( $P < 0,05$ ), a obeleženi istim slovima nalaze se u istoj homogenoj grupi.

Korišćenje probiotika i lekovitog bilja imalo je pozitivan efekat na prirast, stopu preživljavanja i ukupni prinos šarana koji su gajeni u zemljanim bazenima i hranjeni tradicionalnom smešom žitarica;

Korišćenje probiotika i/ili lekovitog bilja imalo je pozitivan efekat na uzimanje hrane, a stopa konverzije hrane (FCR) obično je bila smanjena 10% - 15% u grupama u kojima su korišćeni dodaci;

Dodatak probiotika i/ili lekovitog bilja smanjio je broj najčešćih spoljnih parazita kod šarana (*Trichodina*, *Chilodonella*, *Epistylis* i *Costia*);

Probiotici i lekovito bilje kod šarana su pokazali pozitivan efekat na otpornost na bolesti. Tradicionalna smeša žitarica obogaćena probioticima i/ili lekovitim biljem stimulatивно je delovala na povećanje nivoa gama globulina. Pozitivan efekat bio je posebno uočen kada su oba dodatka korišćena zajedno;

Kod šaranske mladi (C1) probiotici i lekovito bilje ne treba da se primenjuju zajedno jer je u tom slučaju primećen smanjen prirast i nivo gama globulina.

### Abstract

The aim of the paper is to present the results of feeding carp with traditional grain diet (triticale + wheat) supplemented with probiotics and/or herbs.

As probiotics, the EmFarma concentrate, provided by ProBiotics Polska, Poland, was used. This preparation contains consortia of the following microbial bacteria and fungi: *Bifidobacterium animalis*, *Bifidobacterium bifidum*, *Bifidobacterium longum*, *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*, *Lactobacillus casei*, *Lactobacillus delbrueckii*, *Lactobacillus plantarum*, *Lactococcus diacetyllactis*, *Lactococcus lactis*, *Streptococcus thermophilus*, *Bacillus subtilis* var *natto*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Rhodopseudomonas palustris*. The concentrate of probiotic microorganisms was added to the ground corn in an amount of 2 liters of preparation per 1 ton of feed. Prior to adding to the feedstuff, the probiotics were diluted in water. The amount of added water was approximately 10% of feed weight. After mixing probiotics with corn, the feed was left for two hours for swelling.

The composition of herbs consisted of powdered *Terminalia chebula*, *Phyllanthus emblica*, *Andrographis paniculata*, *Tinospora cordifolia* and *Boerhaavia diffusa*. The herbal preparation was obtained from the Farmwet company, Poland. The blend of herbs was added in the amount of 3 kg per ton of ground corn feed. The powdered herbs were mixed with grinded corn, moistened with water amounting to approximately 10% of feed dose and left for two hours for swelling.

Six feeding groups were examined:

- I - natural food only (control group)
- II - ground mix of corn
- III - ground mix of corn supplemented with probiotics
- IV - ground mix of corn supplemented with herbs
- V - ground mix of corn supplemented with probiotics and herb
- VI - pelleted feed Aller Aqua (referential group)

Experimental diets were used for feeding carp fingerlings (C1), two-year restocking material (C2) and consumable carps (C3). Stocking densities of carp, were as follows:

- for C1– 20000 ind./ha
- for C2– 5000 ind./ha
- for C3–1500 ind./ha

The following parameters were measured and analyzed:

- final body mass (g/ind.)
- yield (kg/ha)
- survival rate (S)
- FCR (kg)
- Fulton's coefficient (F)
- number of parasites (*Trichodina*–*Trich.*, *Chilodonella*–*Chil.*, *Epistylis*–*Epist.*, *Costia*,)
- level of lysozyme (mg/l)
- level of gamma globulins (g/l)

**Key words:** carp, traditional pond aquaculture, sustainability, probiotics, herbs

## RESULTS

**Table 1.** The results of feeding carp fingerlings (C1) with grain diet supplemented with probiotics and/or herbs

| Group | Weight<br>g/ind. | S<br>(%) | FCR<br>(kg) | F    | Yield<br>kg/ha | <i>Trich.</i> | <i>Chil.</i> | <i>Epist.</i> | <i>Costia</i> | Lisozyme          | Gamma<br>globu-<br>lins |
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| III   | 66               | 64       | 2,4         | 2.18 | 845            | 16            | 11           | 9             | 12            | 1.8 <sup>a</sup>  | 7.1 <sup>ab</sup>       |
| IV    | 66               | 50       | 2,3         | 1.93 | 660            | 5             | 5            | 6             | 10            | 2.4 <sup>ab</sup> | 10.0 <sup>b</sup>       |
| V     | 64               | 63       | 2,7         | 1.82 | 806            | 8             | 11           | 11            | 11            | 3.2 <sup>b</sup>  | 8.7 <sup>ab</sup>       |
| VI    | 75               | 83       | 0,7         | 2.01 | 1245           | 0             | 1            | 0             | 0             | 3.1 <sup>b</sup>  | 10.4 <sup>b</sup>       |

Within columns, data with different letters differs significantly ( $P < 0,05$ ), with the same letters are in the same homogenous group.

**Table 2.** The results of feeding two-year carp stocking material (C2) with grain diet supplemented with probiotics and/or herbs

| Group | Weight<br>g/ind. | S<br>(%) | FCR<br>(kg) | F    | Yield<br>kg/ha | <i>Trich.</i> | <i>Chil.</i> | <i>Epist.</i> | <i>Costia</i> | Lisozyme           | Gamma<br>globu-<br>lins |
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| III   | 216              | 82       | 1.8         | 1.51 | 891            | 12            | 12           | 6             | 11            | -                  | -                       |
| IV    | 214              | 98       | 1.7         | 1.52 | 1043           | 12            | 4            | 8             | 0             | 0.78 <sup>a</sup>  | 16.6 <sup>c</sup>       |
| V     | 315              | 85       | 1.2         | 1.70 | 1350           | 3             | 4            | 2             | 3             | 1.29 <sup>b</sup>  | 15.3 <sup>c</sup>       |
| VI    | 346              | 98       | 0.9         | 2.02 | 1695           | 5             | 0            | 0             | 2             | 1.03 <sup>ab</sup> | 15.5 <sup>c</sup>       |

Within columns, data with different letters differs significantly ( $P < 0,05$ ), with the same letters are in the same homogenous group.

**Table 3.** The results of feeding consumable carps (C3) with grain diet supplemented with probiotics and/or herbs

| Group | Weight<br>g/ind. | S<br>(%) | FCR<br>(kg) | F    | Yield<br>kg/ha | <i>Trich.</i> | <i>Chil.</i> | <i>Epist.</i> | <i>Costia</i> | Lisozyme          | Gamma<br>globu-<br>lins |
|-------|------------------|----------|-------------|------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
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| II    | 1367             | 100      | 4.0         | 1.93 | 2051           | 13            | 14           | 22            | 32            | 2.3 <sup>b</sup>  | 5.5 <sup>a</sup>        |
| III   | 1386             | 100      | 3.5         | 1.92 | 2079           | 10            | 15           | 6             | 21            | 2.0 <sup>ab</sup> | 8.2 <sup>b</sup>        |
| IV    | 1325             | 100      | 3.8         | 1.97 | 1988           | 0             | 3            | 2             | 2             | 1.7 <sup>ab</sup> | 9.4 <sup>b</sup>        |
| V     | 1391             | 100      | 3.6         | 2.02 | 2087           | 1             | 3            | 4             | 3             | 1.9 <sup>ab</sup> | 9.3 <sup>b</sup>        |
| VI    | 1749             | 100      | 2.0         | 2.10 | 2624           | 2             | 0            | 1             | 0             | 1.8 <sup>ab</sup> | 9.9 <sup>b</sup>        |

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## CONCLUSIONS

- the use of probiotics and herbs has had positive effect on growth, survival rate and total yield of carp reared in earthen ponds and fed traditional grain diet;
- the use of probiotics and/or herbs has had positive impact on food intake, food conversion rate (FCR) was usually reduced in 10% - 15% in groups where supplements were applied;
- the addition of probiotics and/or herbs decreased the number of the most common external parasites of carp (*Trichodina*, *Chilodonella*, *Epistylis* and *Costia*);
- probiotics and herbs presented positive effect on carp disease resistance. Supplementation of traditional grain diet with probiotics and/or herbs stimulated higher gamma globulins level. The positive effect was especially observed when both additives are used together;
- in case of carp fingerlings (C1) probiotics and herbs should not be applied together because when used together reduction of fish growth and gamma globulin level was observed.